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IN REPLY TO ACTING SECRETARY RUSH'S TOAST TO SOVIET PARLIAM-
MENTARY DELEGATION AT MAY 20 RECEPTION IN DEPARTMENT,
PONOMAREV (CANDIDATE MEMBER OF POLITBURO) MADE FOLLOWING
REMARKS REGARDING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
(VERBATIM TRANSLATION):

BEGIN QUOTE: THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED IN MOSCOW BY OUR
LEADERSHIP, L.I. BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT NIXON, HAVE
TREMENDOUS SIGNIFICANCE FOR MOVING FROM CONFRONTATION TO
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OR TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION. THE
STATE DEPARTMENT, ITS OFFICIALS, AND MINISTER HENRY
KISSINGER HAVE MADE MANY EFFORTS IN THIS USEFUL CAUSE.

YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED THAT HE (THE SECRETARY OF STATE)
IS OCCUPIED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH VERY SERIOUS MATTERS.

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AND IN REALITY WE SEE THAT THERE IS DEFINITE PROGRESS

HERE. AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT ACTIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES
AND OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF OUR GOVERNMENT, ANDREY GROMYKO, WE SEE DEFINITE STEPS
AFTER THEIR RECENT MEETINGS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THE

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME OF
MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THIS FASHION, JOINT ACTIONS AND COOPERATION (HAVE
OCCURRED) IN THE SOLUTION OF SUCH A VERY ACUTE, ONE MUST
SAY, QUESTION, BUT GOOD WILL AND THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE
PERMIT THE SOLUTION OF EVEN THESE ACUTE QUESTIONS.

AS IS KNOWN, IT WAS AGREED IN MOSCOW SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
TO RESOLVE THESE QUESTIONS UNDER OUR JOINT AEGIS, AND THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE, WE ARE CONVINCED, CAN DO MUCH, ALMOST
EVERYTHING, IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN FAVOR OF
PEACE AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RUSH

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